Hepatitis and liver Diseases. According to an assessment done by NISSAT, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, 1999, AIIMS is the only health institution amongst 8 high output — high impact research institutions representing all science disciplines.

Utilisation of WHO funding

2568. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds provided by the World Health Organisation for various programmes in the country during the last three years; and

(b) the details of such funds utilized?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) The WHO funds are allocated on the biennium basis *i.e.* once in two years. During the last two bienniums the total WHO funds allocated under various health programmes are:

(I) 2000-2001 US$ 12,838,000

(II) 2002-2003 US$ 9,679,100

(b) The details of the funds utilised for various projects are as under:

(I) 2000-2001 US$ 13,415,975

(After getting more funds from WHO)

(II) 2002-2003 US$ 7,118,943

(Upto 5 Dec., 2002)

Deaths due to Hepatitis-B

†2569. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons died due to Hepatitis-B in the country during 2001-2002; and

(b) the details of measures taken by his Ministry during the said period, State-wise?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) As per information available, the number of persons who died due to Viral Hepatitis including Hepatitis-B during the year 2001 is 1014.

(b) The measures taken by the Government to control the spread of Hepatitis-B are as under:-

- Mandatory screening of all blood donations for HBsAG at Blood Banks.
- Health education activities to promote safe sexual behaviour under the National AIDS Control Programme.
- Instructions have been issued to the Health Authorities for use of a separate sterile syringes and needles for each injection.
- Central Government Hospital personnel at risk to be immunized. State Governments have also been advised to take similar steps.

Introduction of World Bank Project to check use of fake drugs

†2570. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to introduce a World Bank Project to stop the use of fake drugs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action being taken against the sellers of these drugs, so far; and

(d) the number of cases noticed, so far?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) and (b) The Government has during the current financial year (2002-03) posed to the World Bank a Capacity Building Project to augment the infrastructure, manpower etc. of the Central and States Drugs Testing Laboratories. In this project, the proposal of about 26 drugs testing laboratories have been included. The total cost of project both for food and drugs sector is about Rs. 300 crores, in which Rs. 94 crores is meant for drugs sector.

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